

NATIONAL VOLUNTARY CIVIL AID SERVICES (KNOWN AS CIVIL AID)

England & Wales · Charity number 266349

Details

Other names NATIONAL VOLUNTARY CIVIL AID SERVICES

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1973-10-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO PROVIDE AID OR ASSISTANCE IN ANY WAY AT ANY DISASTER, MAJOR INCIDENT OR LOCAL OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY 2) TO RELIEVE PAIN OR SUFFERING.

Activities: National Voluntary Civil Aid Services (NVCAS), also known as Civil Aid, is a voluntary organisation established in 1968, operating within Great Britain, and acts as an umbrella and resource body to connect and support voluntary resilience groups and communities, and prepares people to provide aid or assistance at a disaster, incident, or local or national emergency, to relieve pain and suffering.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Scotland
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£306,087	£50,771	-	-
2024-03-31	£669	£16,863	-	-
2023-03-31	£7,834	£10,224	-	-
2022-03-31	£4,221	£5,724	-	-
2021-03-31	£778	£5,832	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Simon John Hill	Chair	2019-01-01
Barry Frank Evans		2025-03-22
Lee Steven Knight		2024-08-03
Nicola Carol Hill		2024-10-05
Tracy Victoria Duckworth		2024-08-03

Linked charities

- BARRY CIVIL AID (266349-1)
- MERSEY CIVIL AID RULES (266349-10)
- LOTHIAN CIVIL AID LIVINGSTON UNIT (266349-11)
- NEWPORT CIVIL AID (266349-12)
- RHYMNEY VALLEY CIVIL AID RULES (266349-13)
- TREDEGAR CIVIL AID (266349-14)
- BICESTER CIVIL AID (266349-2)
- CHEPSTOW CIVIL AID (266349-3)
- CHESTER CIVIL AID (266349-4)
- DERBY CIVIL AID RULES (266349-5)
- HERGA CIVIL AID (266349-6)
- KIRKLEES CIVIL AID (266349-7)
- LUTON/BEDFORD CIVIL AID (266349-8)
- READING CIVIL AID (266349-9)

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FOR

31 March 2025

Charity Number 266349

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NATIONAL VOLUNTARY CIVIL AID SERVICES

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

The Board of Trustees

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Nicola Hill
Jacqueline Poyser
Tracy Duckworth

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

INTRODUCTION

National Voluntary Civil Aid Services (NVCAS), known as Civil Aid, is a voluntary organisation established in 1968 by former members of the disbanded Civil Defence Corps, and subsequently became a registered charity on the 23rd October 1973. Operating within Great Britain, the charity acts as an umbrella and resource body to connect and support voluntary resilience groups and communities, and prepares people to provide aid or assistance at a disaster, incident, or local or national emergency, to relieve pain and suffering.

This is achieved through schemes such as Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), which includes first aid and light rescue.

Civil Aid also provides support (when requested) to local authorities and other professional agencies involved in resilience planning and response.

To raise funds for the charity, volunteers provide services at public events and First Aid at Work training.

GOVERNANCE

The Charity is an unincorporated membership association governed by its Constitution adopted in 1973 and amended in 1978 and 1984.

The Executive Committee oversee the day-to-day management of the Charity. The Executive Committee is made up of Trustees who are voted into post annually. Following the AGM on 5th October 2024, the Executive Committee was constituted as follows:

Simon Hill	-	Chairman (& Treasurer until 22 nd March 2025)
Lee Knight	-	Deputy Chairman
Barry Evans	-	Treasurer effective 22 nd March 2025
Nicola Hill	-	Secretary
Jackie Poyser	-	Trustee
Tracy Duckworth	-	Trustee

Due to ill health Rita Trickett resigned as a Trustee and Treasurer at the AGM.

All Executive Officers give their time voluntarily, and apart from reasonable out of pocket expenses, receive no remuneration or other benefits relating to the management of the Charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The original charitable objectives remain the same:

- 1) To provide aid or assistance in any way at any disaster, major incident or local or national emergency.
- 2) To relieve pain and suffering.

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The Charity undertakes various activities, including providing first aid and light rescue training and other skills that may be useful in an emergency. The Charity also provides first aid or general assistance cover at events, and did own and manage suitable building/s during 2024. In addition, a small fleet of ambulances were maintained.

First Aid instructors provide training; the income from such courses and event cover is applied for the benefit of the Charity at local unit level for the purchase of equipment, maintenance costs of vehicles, and Headquarters building running costs.

Members pay an annual subscription to contribute towards the cost of insurance and administration costs of the Charity. Units of members submit their Annual Accounts for checking, and these totals are included in the Charity's Annual Return to the Charity Commission.

The Charity owned its headquarters building in Derby which was sold in July 2024. The Charity now rents a workshop building to service first aid and rescue equipment. Currently, the Executive Officers are coordinating clearing the workshop of out-of-date equipment.

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN RELATION TO THESE OBJECTS

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustees meetings. The charity is open to all individuals irrespective of race, gender or other personal circumstances.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2024 was a consolidation period for the charity having lost a number of key personnel due to ill health, and also, following the passing of our former Chairman Keith Turner in 2021, volunteers voted to wind up the local Unit in Derby. Much of the headquarters building had been cleared during 2022/23 and the remaining ambulances donated for service overseas. With the headquarters building sold in July 2024 and the net proceeds transferred to NVCAS, the remaining Derby Unit funds were divided equally with donations of £13,000 made to 3 local charities chosen by the Derby Unit membership: RNLI, Mountain Rescue and Air Ambulance. Our Charity's 6 Automated External Defibrillators (AED'S) have new batteries and replacement pads. Each Trustee now has an AED that could be used in a local emergency in the community rather than the AED units remaining in the workshop. A new Lay-Responder Training package was developed by Lee Knight along with e-learning - this formed a key part in a presentation by our Chairman to representatives from the Cabinet Office and therefore it's likely that Catastrophic Bleeding Control will be added to First Aid at Work training next year across the UK.

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MAIN POLICIES

Before the Charity looks to move forward, a comprehensive review of all current policies and procedures has recently been undertaken by the Executive Officers, these include:

- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Trustee code of conduct
- Volunteer management
- Member code of conduct
- Conflict of interest
- Complaints and raising concerns
- Safeguarding
- Health and safety
- Data protection
- Financial management and reserves
- Donation and fundraising
- Expenses
- Social media and communication
- Branding
- Partnership and collaboration

A review of insurance was undertaken and the Charity has in place Personal Accident Cover for volunteers and Public and Products Liability up to £5million. Statutory Employee insurance of £10million cover is also in place as “volunteers” are treated as though they are employed even though no remuneration is paid. Trustees’ and Directors Indemnity limit of £1million along with contents in workshop is insured for £75,000. No claims have been made against any of the insurance policies.

FUTURE PLANS

New members are needed to provide support with training and duties; therefore, the use of a website and other media will have to be reviewed.

Meanwhile, the Chairman attended a meeting with representatives for the Cabinet Office last August to discuss Civil Aid and the past role of the charity and its contribution to Civil Protection was acknowledged. Given the current international situation, the legacy of the charity is to continue to work to assist in resilience planning and response but what is clear is that there is little funding, if any, available at this time. However, April 2025 saw the launch of the new UK Resilience Academy (replacing the Emergency Planning College) at The Hawkhills, Easingwold, so events and courses will be held to increase awareness of national preparedness, response and recovery from major events and emerging risks. No doubt charities will be represented at these events. The Chairman has had contact from charities with similar aims to NVCAS and will look to arrange meetings accordingly to develop future plans which avoid duplication of effort.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2024/2025

Because of the sale of the Charity's headquarters, the value of the transaction requires accounts to be prepared using the accruals basis of accounting. The Financial Reports are written following Charity Commission SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) and the accounts were independently audited by a competent qualified accountant. Next year it is likely the Charity's income will return to below £25,000.

The Charity is not registered for Gift Aid with HM Revenue and Customs. A review will be carried out regarding Gift Aid to see if there is a possibility of a claim to HMRC.

The Charity has no restricted funds but has applied some funding to reserves in the past towards purchase of ambulances, equipment, and liabilities. Reserves are also required as a safety net for unexpected bills.

DEPRECIATION POLICY

New uniform, first aid supplies, and other short-life purchases are written off in the year of purchase.

DECLARATION

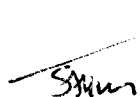
Written on behalf of the Charity's Executive Committee after consulting accounting information, insurance documentation, and current governance policy and procedural documentation.

RESERVES

The Association aims to build up reserves to cover 6 months operating costs in the event of a drop in income. Unrestricted Reserves held as at March 31st 2025 were £316,816.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mark Newey of Derby Community Accountancy Service and will be in office as independent examiner for the ensuing year.



Simon Hill
Chair National Voluntary Civil Aid Services
9th July 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the National Voluntary Civil Aid Services

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M. Newey

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19/8/2025

Date

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2025	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Generated funds					
Donations	3	1,029	-	1,029	396
Grants	4	-	-	-	-
Other income	6	297,161	-	297,161	70
Investment income	5	7,897	-	7,897	203
Total incoming resources		306,087	-	306,087	669
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		50,771	-	50,771	16,862
Total resources expended	7	50,771	-	50,771	16,862
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		255,316	-	255,316	(16,193)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		255,316	-	255,316	(16,193)
Balances brought forward		61,500	-	61,500	77,693
Balances carried forward		316,816	-	316,816	61,500

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

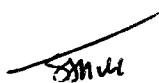
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BALANCE SHEET

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	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	-	13,000
Current assets			
Debtors	12	1,300	-
Cash at bank and in hand		315,521	48,500
		<u>316,821</u>	<u>48,500</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(5)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net current assets		316,816	48,500
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	14	-	-
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>316,816</u>	<u>61,500</u>
Net assets		<u>316,816</u>	<u>61,500</u>
Funds			
Restricted	15	-	-
Unrestricted	15	316,816	61,500
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>316,816</u>	<u>61,500</u>

The financial statements were approved by the members of the committee on the 4TH OCTOBER 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Simon Hill
Trustee

Date: 4TH OCTOBER 2025

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Charity information

National Voluntary Civil Aid Services is a registered charity. The charity's registered office is Lytchett House, 13 Freeland Park, Wareham Road, Poole, Dorset BH16 6FA. At the end of the year there were 6 Trustees.

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared on historical cost convention apart from freehold property that is carried at market value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

These are accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 are the first accounts of National Voluntary Civil Aid Services prepared in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Gifts in kind have been included at market value of gifts received and in assets acquired. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

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1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in the support of the charitable activities.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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1.12 Depreciation

New uniform, first aid supplies, and other short-life purchases are written off in the year of purchase.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimated and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

3. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2025	Year to 31 Mar 2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations from individuals	1,029	-	1,029	396
	<u>1,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,029</u>	<u>396</u>

4. Grants receivable

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year to 31 March 2025	Year to 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Grants	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

5. Interest receivable

	Year to 31 March 2025 £	Year to 31 March 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>7,897</u>	<u>203</u>

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6. Sundry Income

	Year to 31 March 2025 £	Year to 31 March 2024 £
Profit on sale of Derby Unit property	297,000	-
Other	76	70
Subscriptions	85	-
	<u>297,161</u>	<u>70</u>

7. Total resources expended

	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2025 £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2024 £
Vehicle expenses	-	885
Workshop, Rent and Deposit	1,189	-
Light, heat and water	264	731
Bank charges	71	65
Fees	7,532	2,661
Insurance	649	1,347
Maintenance and equipment	1,191	1,464
Travel & subsistence costs	783	8,726
Donations to charities	39,000	-
Printing and Postage	34	-
20% Business Rates	58	-
Sundry	-	983
	<u>50,771</u>	<u>16,862</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £50,771 (2024: £16,862) of which £0 was restricted (2024: £0)

8. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent Examiner's Fees	100	-
Depreciation	-	-

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9. Trustees and key management personnel

During the year trustees did not receive remuneration.

The key management personnel of the charity consist of the trustees.

10. Employees

The average monthly number of persons employed during the year was

	Year to 31 March 2025 No	Year to 31 March 2024 No
Direct Charitable Staff	-	-
Administration	-	-
	-	-

Employment costs

	Year to 31 Mar 2025 £	Year to 31 Mar 2024 £
Wages and salaries	-	-
Employers National Insurance	-	-
Pension costs	-	-
	-	-

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum.

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11. Tangible fixed assets

	Building £	Total £
Cost		
At 31 March 2024	13,000	13,000
Additions	-	-
Disposals	(13,000)	(13,000)
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Depreciation		
At 31 March 2024	-	-
Depreciation on Disposal	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>

12. Debtors:

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments		
Workshop deposit	975	-
Rent in advance	325	-
	<u>1,300</u>	<u>-</u>

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank charges	5	-
	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Sundry	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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15. Statement of funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
General reserve	61,500	306,087	(50,771)	-	316,816
Total unrestricted funds	61,500	306,087	(50,771)		316,816
Restricted funds	-	-		-	-
Total restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	61,500	306,087	(50,771)	-	316,816

16. Analysis of net assets

	Tangible fixed assets less associated loan £	Other net assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Funds	-	316,816	316,816
	-	316,816	316,816

17. Related party transactions

The charity had no related party transactions that required disclosure.